



# Introduction

Here we are again. Since this book will be on line, I will never have a clear idea of exactly who has read it. If I were to flatter myself, I would wonder how many people would walk past this eccentric looking old guy not knowing that they have seen his dreams. It probably really isn't that many. I think it is a fairly rare thing that people are really interested in the dreams of others. Not their aspirations, not *those* kinds of dreams. The dreams that come to one in their deep sleep and are tales one's deepest, most honest personality tells itself in the inner sanctum of its own unconscious mind. *Those* dreams. Not a lot of people really want to know that brutal, no rules inner vision from someone else. They tend to be sensitive to the idea that in our society the public persona is all that should be seen. Dreams run the risk of revealing truths about the self that just make everyone a bit uncomfortable. The truth is, most people likely try not to over analyze their own dreams, let alone those of anyone else.

Creating literature from one's dreams must seem like a cheap trick to some people. I am not setting out to make a coherent, plotted story. I am recording as best as memory allows these fragments generated by my brain when it is half powered down. There is no pressure to make it into something others will understand. My mind is speaking to itself.

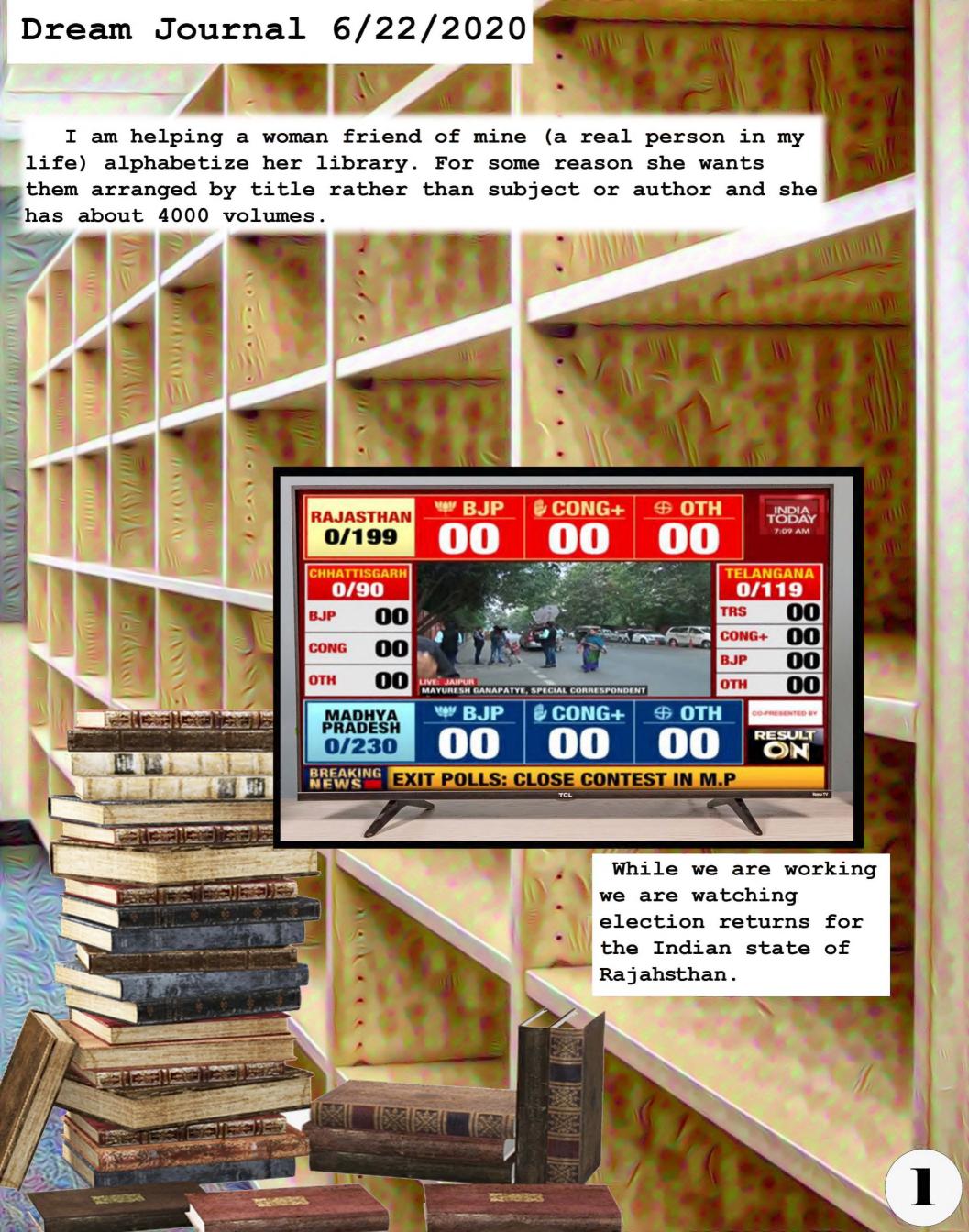
As an adult, I have never been one to *interpret* dreams. I don't overrate their meaning. It is fun to watch their mechanics, the goulash of material taken from my waking memory of events, thoughts and speculations projected in an inner theater without the censorship of society or the filter of morality! Exhilarating!

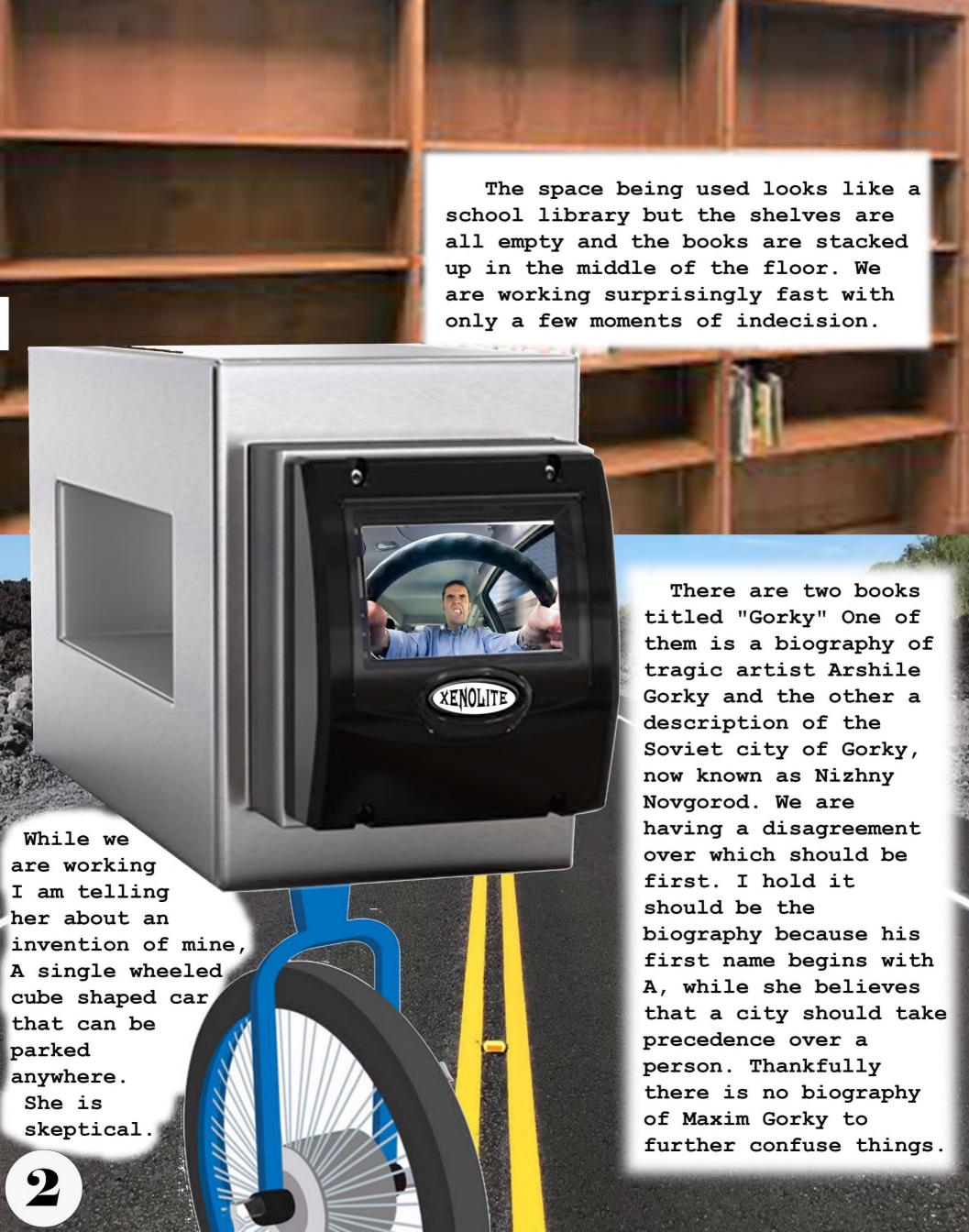
I make no claims of special understanding. I make no claim that this examination of my unconscious meanderings constitutes some sort of healing journey. I make no claims that it is even educational, although some others have on occasion. If those few believe they have learned something, then good for them!

My singular claim is that I find the stories that I tell myself in my dreams are entertaining to me.

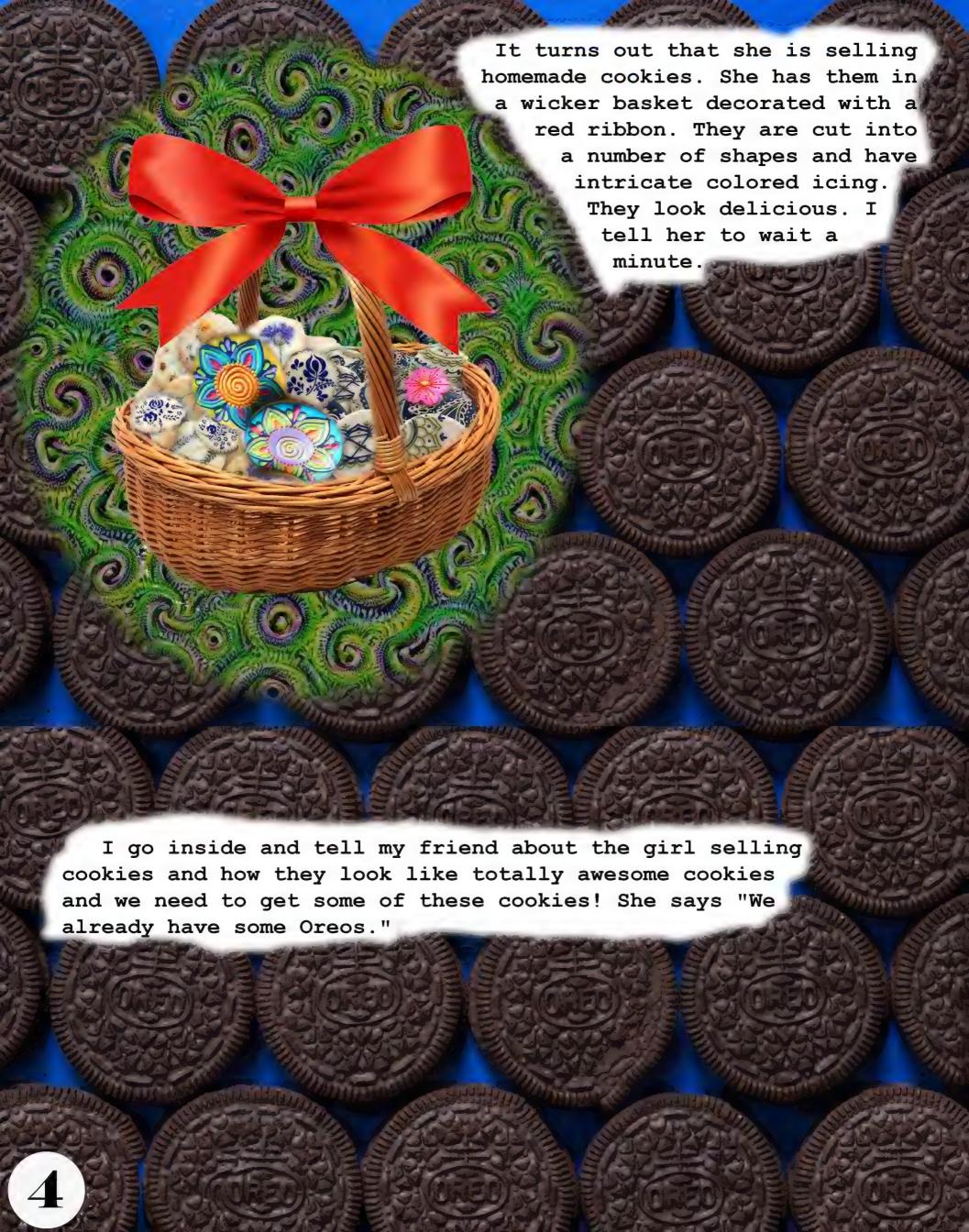
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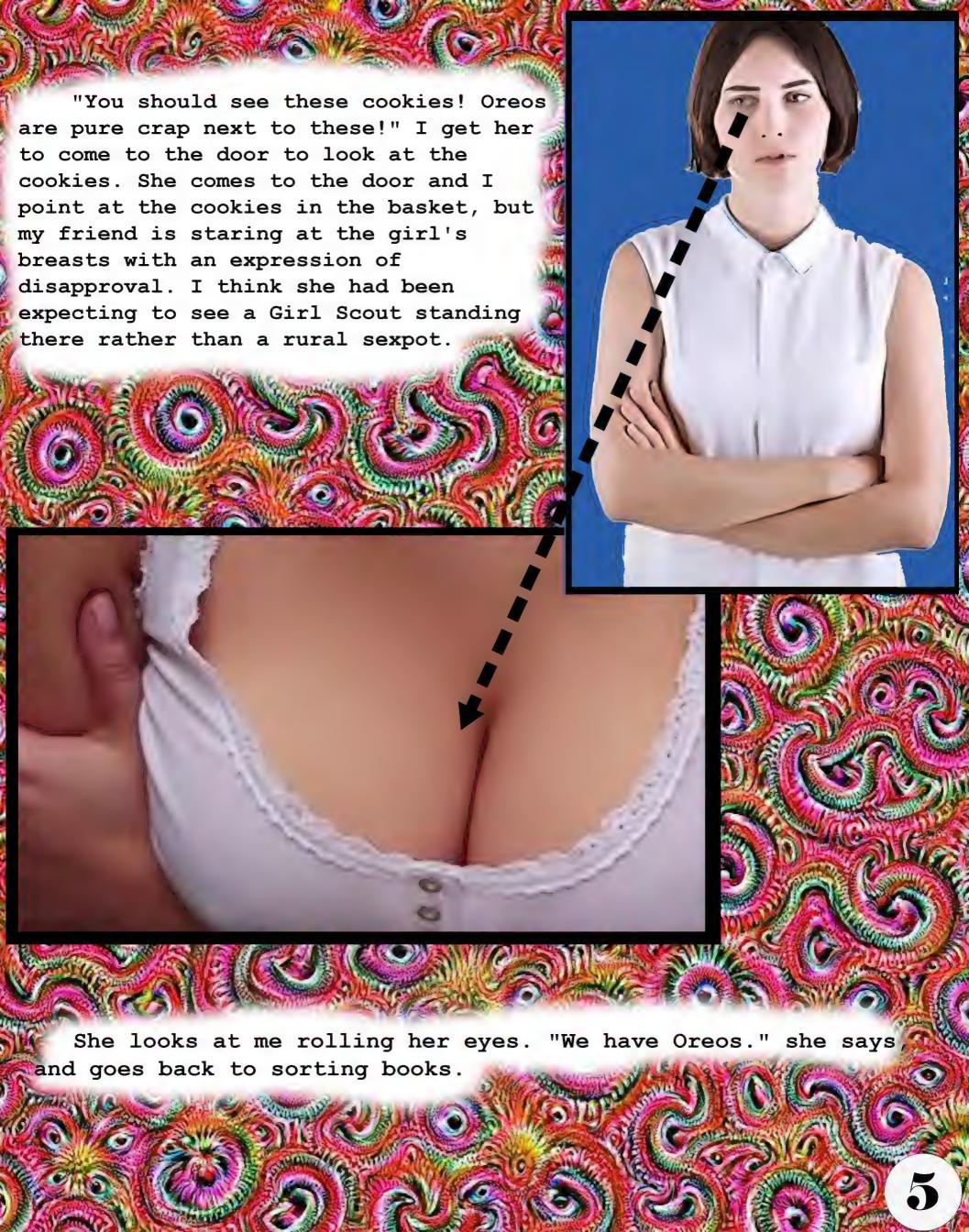


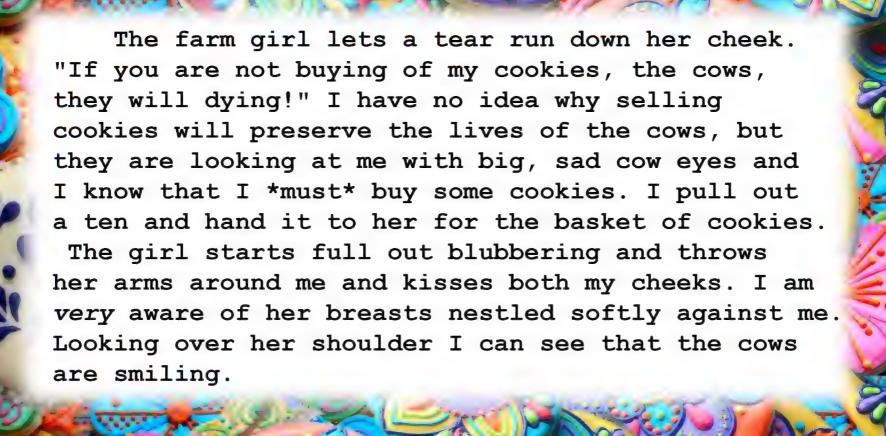














From behind me I hear "These books aren't going to shelve themselves!" I am very tempted to close the door behind me and go sell cookies with the farm girl, but I chicken out and go back inside.





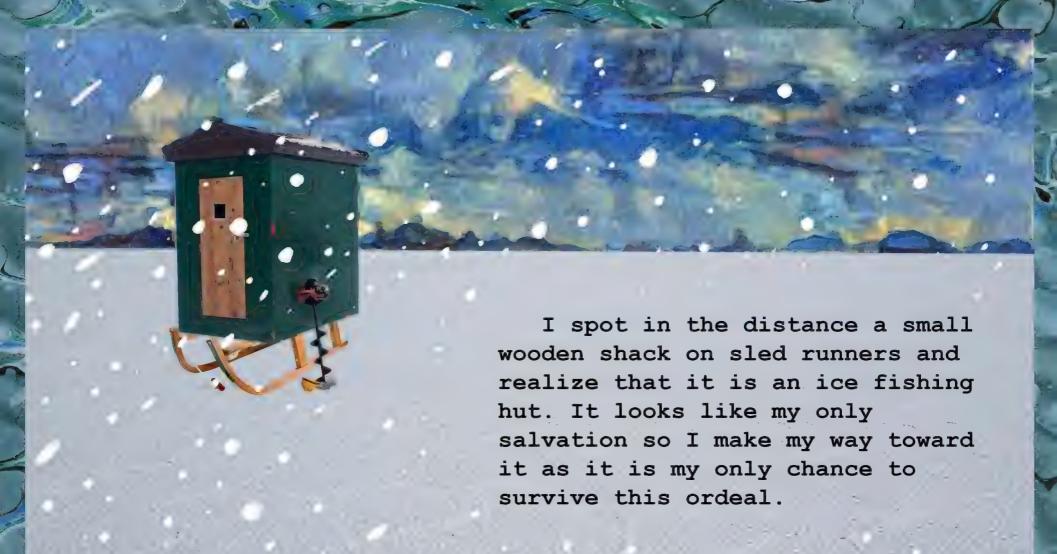
## Dream Journal 3/17/2021

I am naked save for that I am wearing a pair of socks and am wrapped in a bed sheet.

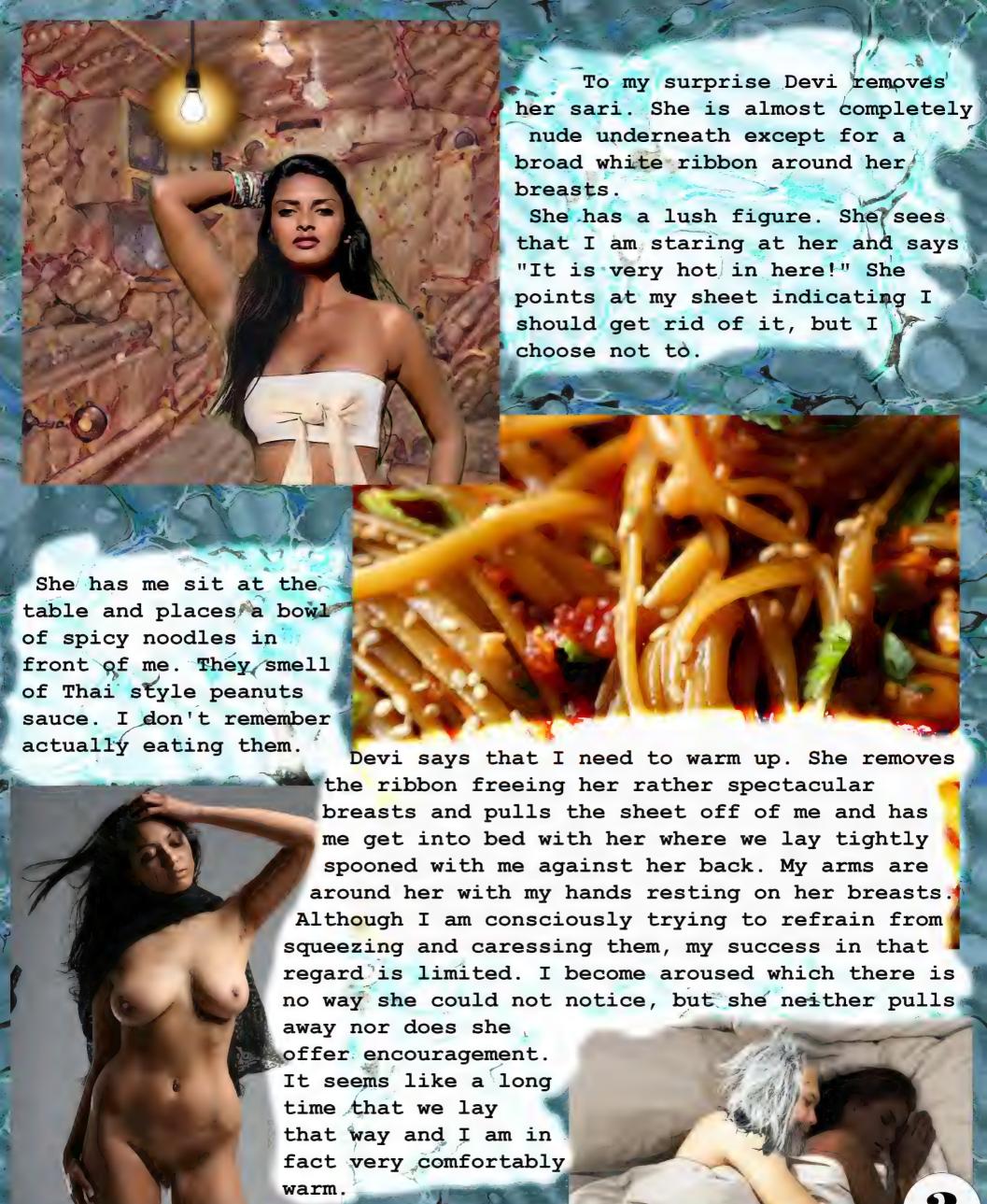
I am making my way across a smooth surface of ice in a howling wind. I can see no horizon.

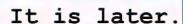
The ice looks like it goes on forever and I assume that I will die soon of exposure.











Devi is again dressed in her Sari, but I am wearing only a pair of sneakers.





I go and open one and see that it contains a bunch of metal parts for a



machine and a booklet of instructions for their assembly.

654. When attaching gear #61 to spring box #18, please remethat spring tension debe ser mantenido.

655. The CNX conjunto de oscillador must be carefully inser support frame D at insertion points 16 and 17. Do not over fle base plate during insertion.

656. Use the 15 CM piece of cabel de campana to connect screposts 67 and 72.

657. Carefully solder the mount for the AO-42 tubo vacio to tindicated location on the board. Do not insert el tubo itself ye

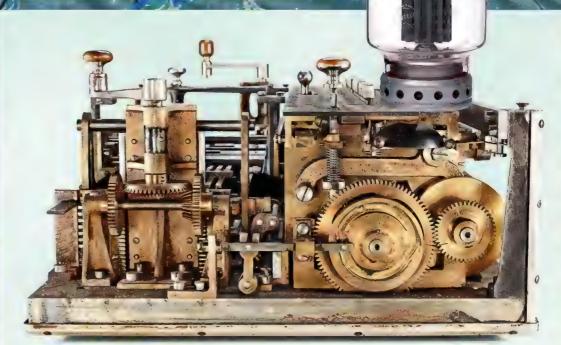
658. Muy prolijamente apply seven wraps of the thin silver ta around post #13. Hold in place with a single wrap of electrica tape.

659. Mount gears 23, 14 and 17 on their pinions and insert the pasadors de chaveta.

I can read the instructions which, although in English, have a bunch of Spanish words thrown in. There is no tool box, but I somehow always have the tool I need in my hand.

I turn to ask Devi if she knows anything about these boxes and this device but she is no longer there. Her sari is hanging from a hook on the wall.

I assemble the device on the small table, a thingababob with some spinning wheels and gears and several glowing vacuum tubes. It makes a soft "pop-pop" sound as it runs. It is unclear what it is supposed to do.



I open the door to see if she is outside, but there is nothing but a white void. I open the tiny door in the floor and look down. There is a neat round hole in the ice and I can see a number of large, scary marine worms with colored

scales and snapping
jaws swimming around
in the water below
the ice. The hole
in the ice swells
to encompass my
whole field of vision
and I become afraid
that I will fall into the icy water with

the terrifying worms.

I wake because i need to pee and have to get to the bathroom very quickly.



# WALKING IN DREAMLAND

The signs are not as helpful as you might hope SOCKS







Gravity is not such an important rule, Just a guideline really





It seems like there are naked women everywhere!



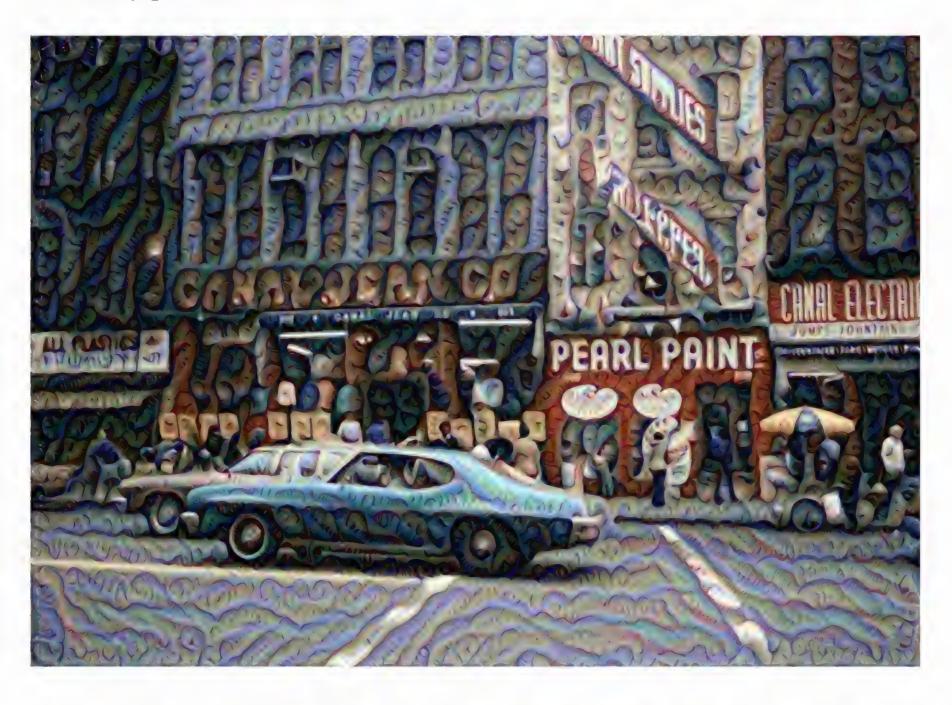
Bug Head people!

What is up with that?!?!

#### Dream Journal 10/26/2020

I am in my twenties and I am a restaurant worker which is what I mostly did when I was in my twenties in waking life, but my situation was different than my real life situation had been. I am living in what is apparently New York city on the fifth floor of a cheap apartment building that has store fronts on the ground floor.

It seems like the '70s. The town has that very lived in lived in look with lots of lower income working people living there and a kind of funky atmosphere. Definitely pre-Giuliani.



I live with my girlfriend, Tracey who does not correspond to anyone I ever had a serious relationship with in my real life, but she *does* strongly resemble a waitress I worked with in real life who I was just casual friends with. She is a pretty blonde with a cheerful attitude and a free spirit. She isn't all that smart, like she has never read a book, but she has a sweet personality. Not my first choice for the type of girl I would have wanted to be with, but she pays half the rent and loves to fuck. Things could be worse. Throughout the dream she is wearing a standard light blue waitress uniform.



I am trying to fix a cheap coffee maker that I rescued from being thrown out at work. It is a big urn type machine that makes and holds about twenty-five cups at a time and is tricky to get it to make only a few cups for me and Tracey, plus it takes up a lot of space in our tiny pad, but it was free and that counts for a lot. It breaks a lot which is why I'm fixing it and coincidentally why they were throwing it out in the first place.

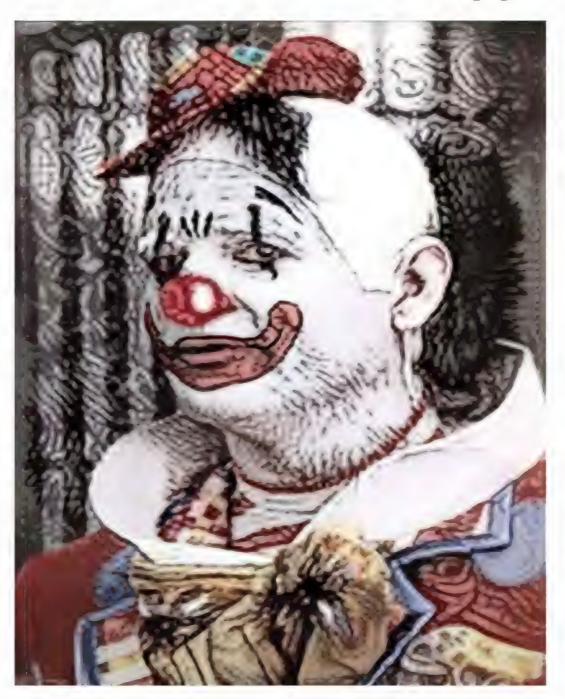
As a sideline I make clown paintings that I sell to tourists by the park on Saturdays and Sundays. I pride myself on the fact that I don't just make up clowns, I get real clowns to come and model for me so if you were to just drop by my place at some random time there would be a good chance that there would be a clown in

the house.



So I was fixing the coffee maker and Tracey is telling me that she is being fucked around on her hours at work. She is a waitress at a different place from the one where I work. It actually is in the ground floor of the building where we live.

She has called her union representative, a woman named Cassie, who I remembered as having worked at a topless cocktail bar downtown, but I hadn't seen her in years. Honestly it was not her face I remembered best about her. She showed up at the same time as my model, an unsavory and down and out looking clown who appeared to have been drawn by Robert Crumb. Cassie was wearing a mini skirt with fishnets and high heels and was topless except for a pair of gold sequined tasseled pasties. Her hair was teased way up and she had far too much makeup on. She had a folder with her that had a bunch papers from the union.



Cassie starts conferring with my girl and I set to work painting the clown who is named LaMarr and although in full costume and make up, looks like he has just been in a bar fight. He wants to be paid up front and also wants to know if he has to be nude. I consider it, but decide it wouldn't sell to the Sunday park crowd.

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At around this point a huge passenger jet flies right past my window making a loud noise, but I am the only one who seems to have noticed. I shrug it off and continue to paint.



Cassie finally finishes up with Tracey and says that the union is going to send a letter to her boss. As she is getting up to leave, LaMarr points at her tits and asks, "Hey, can you twirl those tassels?"



She grins and says "You bet!" and shows us a few spins, one at a time, together, opposite directions. She definitely has skills.



I ask her, "Are you working late tonight?"

"I'm actually between jobs right now, I'm just heading home."

I'm confused. "Then why are you dressed like that?"

"Whaddaya mean? This is just how I dress."

"Oh."

LaMarr is about to say something when my alarm goes off.





### Dream Journal 12/12/2020

I live and work in a castle, but it is not like a single dreary/drafty building, rather it is a huge sprawling estate like the various castles in Game of Thrones. It is really quite a lovely

place with many huge trees that provided lots of shade on hot sunny days of which there were many. It's mostly a happy place, but in spite of that almost everyone is constantly scheming. The scheming is mostly not about great matters. Many petty jealousies come into their full flower in this place.

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I am not very important. I don't know what my specific job is, but it's something along the lines of feeding the dogs or shoveling horse shit. Work that has to be done, but I am no skilled craftsman, let alone a lord. Given that, it's a surprise that I get a visit from the queen who comes up to my place of work on horseback

followed by a large cart drawn by two horses with two guys and a large number of baskets.

The queen is a handsome woman of middle years. I don't know her or the king

have heard that they have sort of a competitive relationship and are always trying to one-up one another. None of my business Manyway. They are the king and queen and I was just me.

well, but I

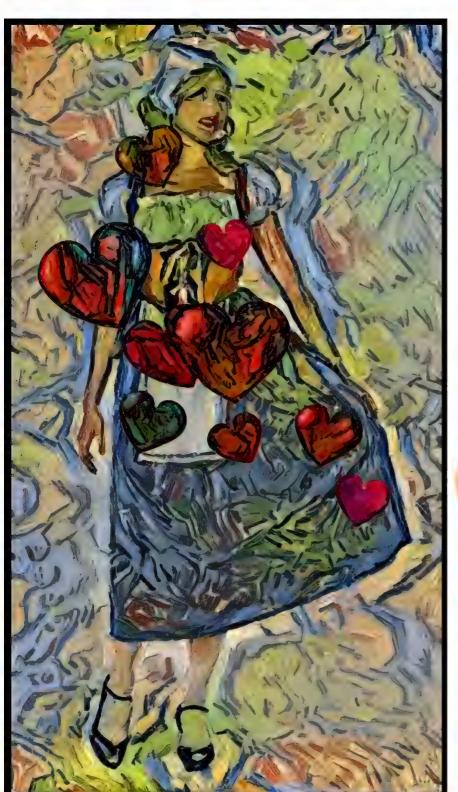
If I want to keep
my job and a roof
over my head I just

keep my nose out of things above my station.



She has brought many baskets containing a wondrous fruit that is both sweet and savory, a gift from the king of a neighboring land. They are hoping to grow the stuff locally. As I savor the flesh of one of them at her behest she explains that she wants me to devise some dishes to tantalize the palate of the king.

"Why me?" I ask. There is a kitchen staffed by several excellent chefs. Yes, I have some talent in cookery, but I am still the guy who shovels the horse shit. It turns out that it is supposed to



be a surprise and she doesn't want
the king to literally catch a whiff
of what's going on until the time is
right so I will experiment and devise
the recipes for the cooking staff that
they will use only on the day of a
great banquet that she's planning in
secret. If I do this I will be
rewarded with marriage to a milkmaid I
lust after, a comfortable little house
on the castle grounds and a less shitty
job, but I am warned to not disappoint
her or let news of my doings become
known.



All of this takes longer to tell that it actually took to transpire in the dream. I am outfitted with a pantry and a small kitchen with no staff but myself hidden in the back of a stable.



Now there are these two guys, they are minor cooks on the kitchen staff that somehow hear a rumor that the queen had chosen me to work on a culinary project.

I think these guys are Blackadder and Baldrick, but sometimes they are a couple of the Three Stooges. It varies. Anyway they get it into their heads that if they get this project away from me it will improve their status and maybe even get them elevated to head chefs. Of course they know very little of what I was working on, only that they



see I get meats, vegetables and spices delivered to my little test kitchen and that occasionally a courtier would visit me to taste

things.



The fruit is amazing! It's structured a bit like a chili pepper with a thick edible rind and a hollow space inside that contains a network of

spongy fibers and seeds. All parts of it are edible with different textures and

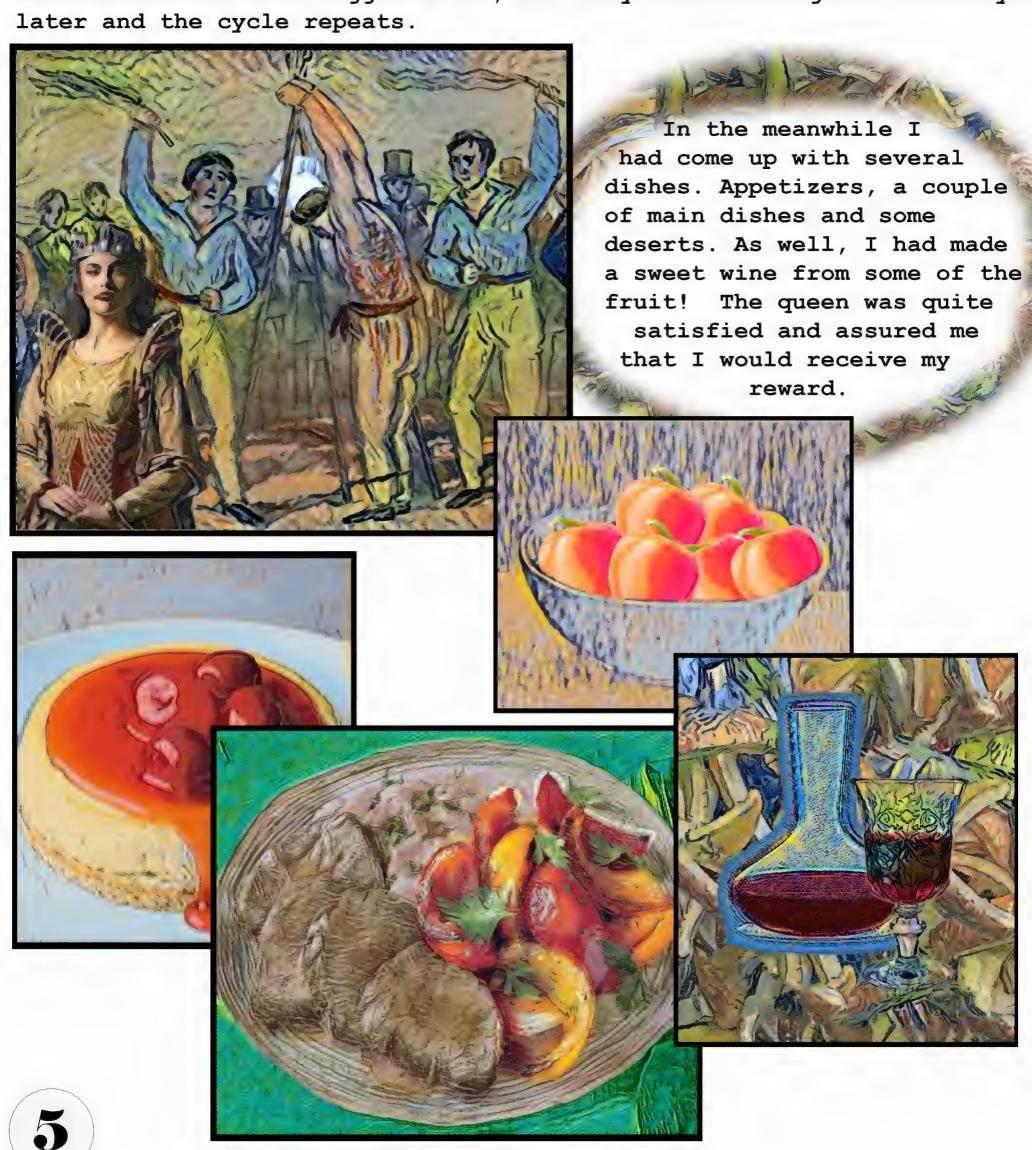
flavors. The outer part is crisp, juicy and spicy sweet, the fibers have a deep umami savor and the

seeds when like a hazelnuts roasted taste combination of

and cashews. This is one dandy fruit!



So these guys are always attempting to spy on me and find out what I was doing and one way or another causing a ruckus around the castle and the queen will show up and want to know what the hell is going on and I tell her about these guys being a pain in the neck and she has them hauled out and flogged a bit, but they are at it again a few days later and the cycle repeats.









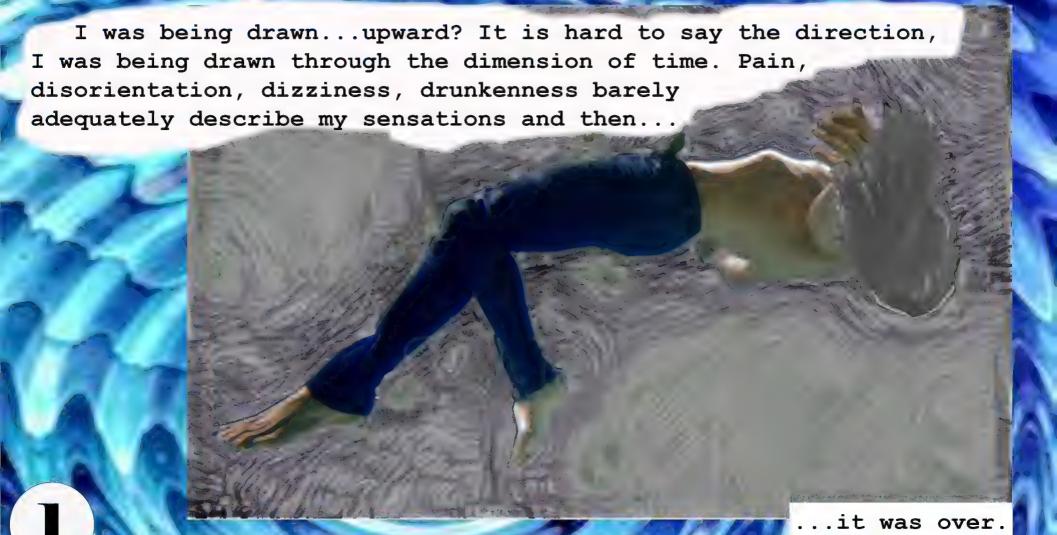
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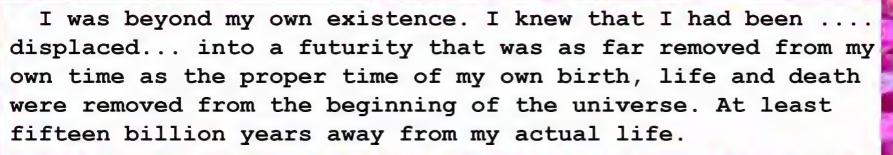


I felt incredibly ill, like there was a deep fatigue in every part of my body.



My muscles quaked and spasmed and it felt like I was somehow tearing myself apart as if I was being charged with thousands of volts of electricity. It was a sensation that my nervous system wasn't even designed to feel or understand.



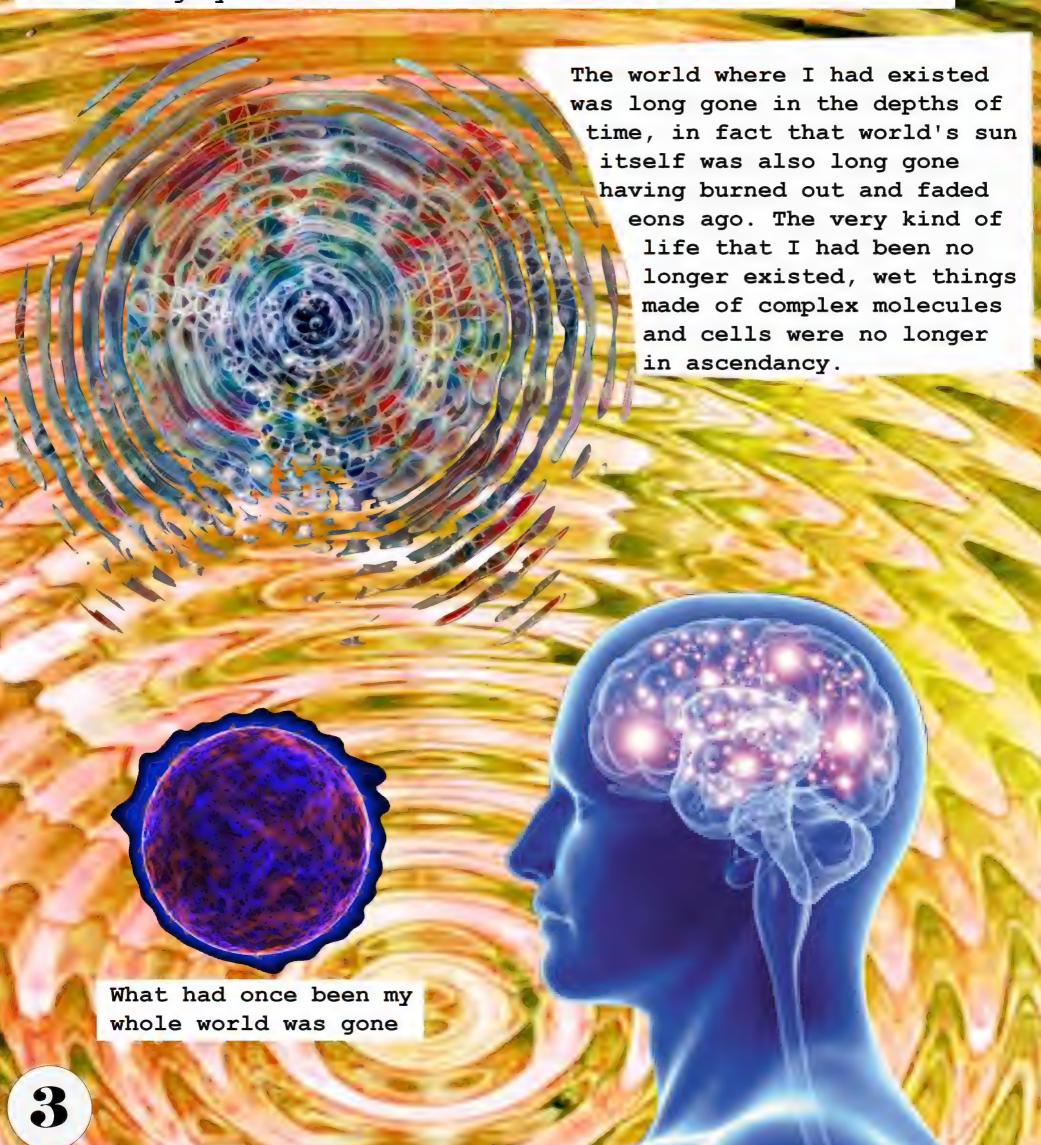




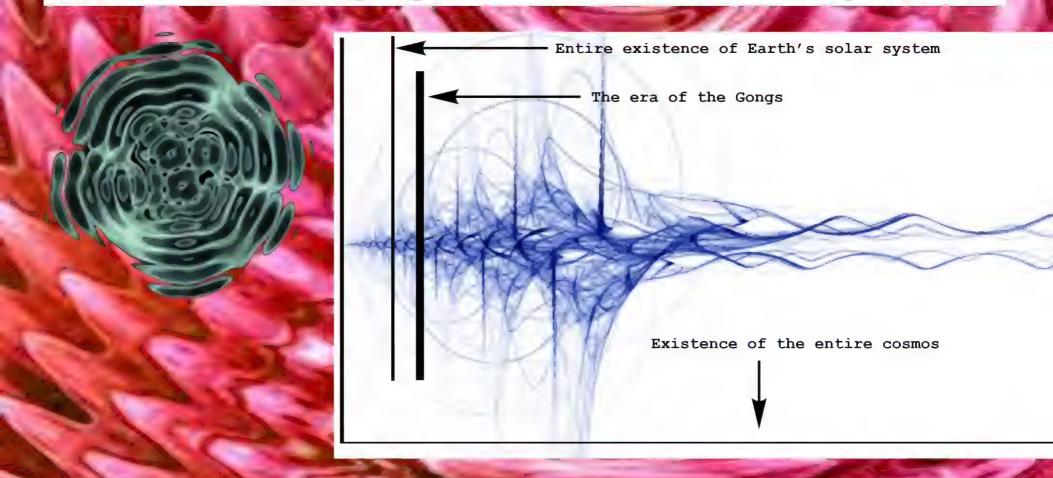


I knew all of this because it told me that it had brought me here to this locus in spacetime although I may not really be me, but rather a recreation of what and who I was. Like an animated fossil of my being and personality. It, that which induced me to exist here, was a structure of complex resonances.

There were actually several of them. In my mind I called them "gongs". You could call them beings of energy, but they did not seem like heat, radiation or electricity. More like very fine rippling vibrations in space and time. I could understand them perfectly, but it was clear that they had to explain things to me in a highly edited form for me to understand.



Life and intelligence had formed in different and more enduring sorts of forms that were not chemical in nature. There were still stars, planets and galaxies and there was even some life as I had been in them although I would barely recognize it as my own kin. Nothing that had originated on a speck that had been called Earth had contributed in any way to the world that I now occupied.



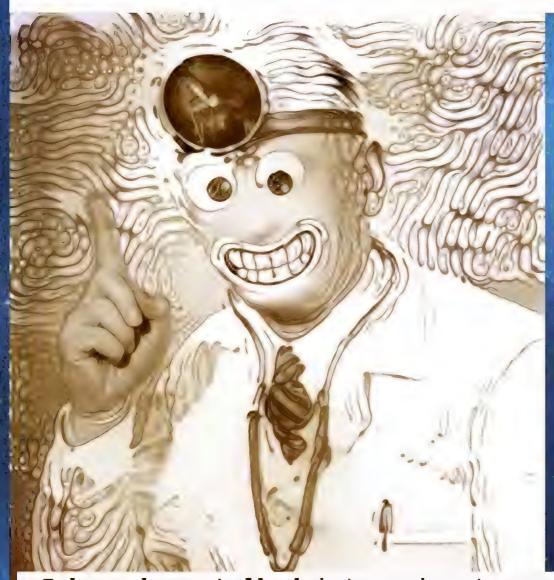
I was shown a sort of "book", a container of information that could be perused in a serial order that was comprehensible to my mind that was their version of what had come before their own time and the brief moment that comprised the entire history of my solar system, the even briefer moment that had contained the entire history of life on Earth and the still tinier segment that had encompassed the entire history of the human race. They wanted me to clarify what had happened in that flash of time that started with my barely conscious ancestors wandering in the African grasslands to hundreds of thousands of years later when the last of us had finally ceased to be. I looked at the record. I could only vaguely comprehend the era that was even ten generations after my own time, let alone the thousand that came after that. I tried to explain that I had only existed for a very short time rather nearer the beginning than the end. I hadn't even been there when we had ever so briefly achieved true and meaningful humanity and could not even understand the record of that era that was now before me.

The gongs beat at me with vibrations, questioning me, pummeling me with vibrations in disbelief that I did not even know anything about the most important aspect of what my people had been. I told them that even if I had fifty lifetimes of study, I doubted that I could make sense of it for them, that in my own time we had barely scratched the surface of what it meant to be human, had no idea how to become what was best about ourselves or even what being that would mean.

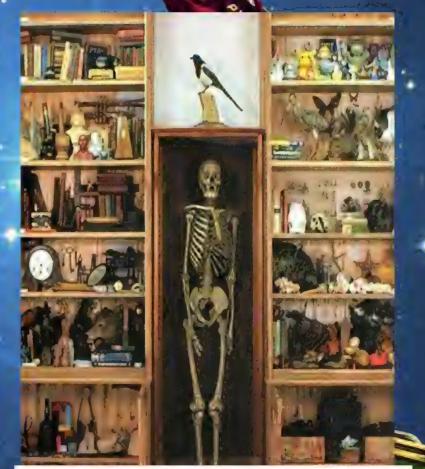




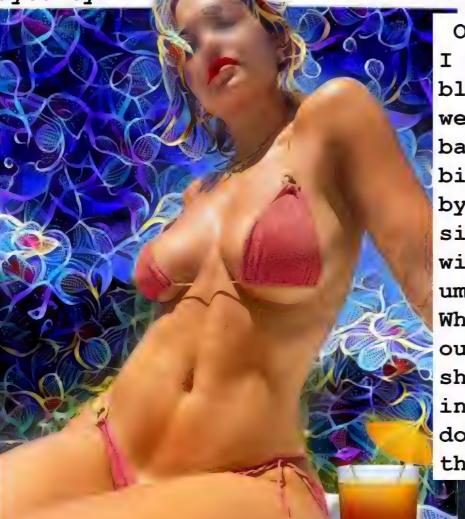
## Dream Journal 2/25/2021



I have been talked into going to work for this doctor who seems a little off, maybe slightly criminal. The guy who really tried to sell me on taking the job was Seth Rogen or at least was played by him



The doctor seemed to be quite rich and his "office" was a cabinet of curiosities with many strange things preserved in jars and numerous small machines from all eras. He talked fast and loud. I got the distinct impression he was a cokehead.



Out a window I could see a blonde woman wearing a barely existent bikini lounging by a pool sipping a drink with a paper umbrella. Whenever I looked out the window she was always in the same spot doing the same thing.





The man he wanted me to teach was insane, like he didn't see the world in any way as being like the one I saw. He was certain that angels spoke to him regularly and that he was the king of some fantasy land and now he needed to go to Saturn and I would help him build a rocket to go there!



I was alarmed to hear this and I went to the doctor to explain that all of my experience in rocketry was in building model rockets.

Toys. I didn't begin to know how to construct a manned space ship to go to Saturn!

The very idea was mad.

"Of course it's mad! He's a crazy person!" He told me. "I'm paying you a \*lot\* of money." It's true, he was. He sent me home with a bag of fat Gold coins every day. "All you have to do is keep him busy and happy while I work out his drug regime and he comes to be more in touch with reality. That's not much to ask. Just work with him to design a space ship while I do my thing."







I looked over at the woman sipping her drink and noticed that her only facial features were her full red lips. No eyes or nose.

I woke.





